

REMARKS

I. Drawings

Applicants submit an attached Replacement Sheet as Appendix B. This Replacement Sheet includes an amended Figure 26 and replaces the previous sheet number 28 of 33. Amended Figure 26 includes labels for each box shown in the figure.

II. Specification

The Abstract has been amended so that it is less than 150 words. Applicants also submit an amended paragraph at page 1, line 12, that indicates Application Serial No. 09/421,965 is now abandoned. With respect to the other objections to the specification cited in the Office Action, Applicants are not aware of any rule or statute, nor has the Examiner cited any authority, stating that appendices at the end of the specification or references to a docket number are improper and should be deleted. Applicants have therefore not made these requested amendments to the Specification.

III. Claim Objections

Claim 61 has been amended to read "the third wavelength" instead of "the second wavelength" in line 7.

IV. Double Patenting

Claims 54-85 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-46 of U.S. Patent No. 6,135,965, claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,258,576, claims 1-46 of U.S. Patent No. 6,095,982, claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,697,373, claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent 5,612,540 and claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,241,662.

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 may be used to overcome a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting. Although not appearing in the

information on PAIR for the instant application, Applicants note that terminal disclaimers to U.S. Patent No. 6,258,576; U.S. Patent No. 5,612,540; and U.S. Patent No. 6,241,662 were filed in Preliminary Remarks to this application on November 14, 2003. While Applicants do not believe it necessary in light of the previously-filed terminal disclaimers, Applicants have filed executed terminal disclaimers to U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,258,576; 5,612,540; and 6,241,662 concurrently herewith for the convenience of the Patent Office. Applicants have also filed terminal disclaimers to U.S. Patent No. 6,135,965, U.S. Patent No. 6,095,982, and U.S. Patent No. 5,697,373 concurrently herewith.

Applicants wish to point out to the Patent Office that the face of U.S. Patent No. 6,241,662 (the '662 Patent) lists LifeSpex, Inc. as the assignee. However, the purported assignment to LifeSpex, Inc. for that patent was void, and ownership of that patent has and does lie with Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, as evidenced by the material behind Appendix H. Applicants also note that the description of the Assignee in the Assignment from LifeSpex to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas did not include the word "System". However, as shown in the included Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction, the owner of the '662 Patent is the Board of Regents, The University of Texas System. Therefore, the '662 Patent and the pending U.S. App. No. 10/688,152 are commonly owned.

Applicants also wish to point out that the filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on non-statutory double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. vs. Union Sanitary District*, 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

In light of the present terminal disclaimers, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 54-85 is believed to be overcome, and favorable reconsideration is therefore requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that these remarks fully address all outstanding matters for this application.

It is believed that no fees are required in connection with the filing of this document. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UTSB:713US/MCB.

Should the Office desire to discuss this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3018.

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APPENDIX A

ABSTRACT

Fluorescence spectral data acquired from tissues in vivo or in vitro is processed in accordance with a multivariate statistical method to achieve the ability to probabilistically classify tissue in a diagnostically useful manner, such as by histopathological classification. The apparatus includes a controllable illumination device for emitting electromagnetic radiation selected to cause tissue to produce a fluorescence intensity spectrum. Also included are an optical system for applying the plurality of radiation wavelengths to a tissue sample, and a fluorescence intensity spectrum detecting device for detecting an intensity of fluorescence spectra emitted by the sample as a result of illumination by the controllable illumination device. The system also include a data processor, connected to the detecting device, for analyzing detected fluorescence spectra to calculate a probability that the sample belongs in a particular classification. The data processor analyzes the detected fluorescence spectra using a multivariate statistical method. ~~The five primary steps involved in the multivariate statistical method are (i) preprocessing of spectral data from each patient to account for inter-patient variation, (ii) partitioning of the preprocessed spectral data from all patients into calibration and prediction sets, (iii) dimension reduction of the preprocessed spectra in the calibration set using principal component analysis, (iv) selection of the diagnostically most useful principal components using a two-sided unpaired student's t test and (v) development of an optimal classification scheme based on logistic discrimination using the diagnostically useful principal component scores of the calibration set as inputs.~~

APPENDIX B

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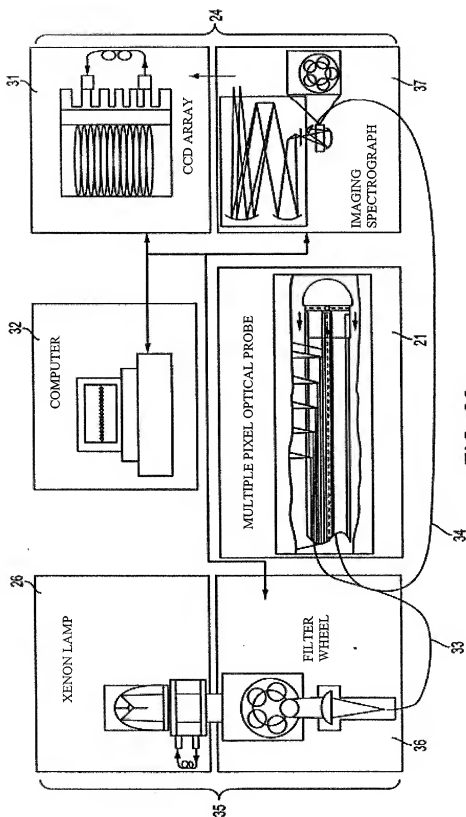


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WHEREAS, LifeSpex represents and warrants that no other agreement affecting the '662 Patent has been or will be made, other than as provided for below;

WHEREAS, UT and LifeSpex stipulate to the dismissal with prejudice of UT's claims for monetary damages. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(1)(ii).

AND WHEREAS, the parties desire to finally resolve any and all matters in dispute between them in relation to this litigation on the terms specified in this Agreed Judgment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this suit and personal jurisdiction of LifeSpex;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that LifeSpex, and each of its agents, servants and employees, attorneys, and all parties in privity are hereby permanently enjoined from selling, conveying, encumbering, or otherwise alienating any interest in the '662 Patent;

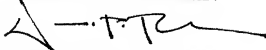
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the assignment of the '662 Patent, which is Exhibit 1 to this Agreed Judgment is hereby cancelled, and LifeSpex is directed to execute the form of Assignment appended hereto as Exhibit 2 and to take all other and further steps as may be required in order to restore ownership of the '662 Patent to the Board.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each party shall bear its attorneys fees and other costs incurred in this lawsuit.

SIGNED and entered this 27th day of January 2004.

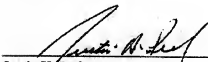

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas at Austin. (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at Office of Technology Licensing and Intellectual Property, 3925 West Braker Lane, Suite 1.9A, Mail Code R3500, Austin Texas, 78759, the entire right, title and interest, whether vested or contingent, presently held by the undersigned for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in United States Letters Patent Application Serial No. 09/175,232 filed on October 20, 1998, and issued June 5, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,241,662, recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Reel 9934, Frame 0120 and is entitled "Acetic Acid as a Signal Enhancing Contrast Agent in Fluorescence Spectroscopy." This sale, assignment and transfer applies to such application and all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that the Board of Regents of the University of Texas at Austin is the proper owner, and holds or should hold all rights under and title to, the Patent Application, U.S. Patent No. 6,241,662 and any other patents that may result or relate to the Patent Application and that the prior assignment to LifeSpex, Inc. was made in error and without valid consideration and is therefore void or voidable under Texas law, cancelled and rescinded; and further warrants and covenants that no other assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof, and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

(Signature) _____ Date: _____
Name: LifeSpex, Inc.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this ____ day of _____, 2003,
personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is
subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that (s)he executed the same of (her) his
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Rebecca Richards-Kortum, Michele Follen, Urs
Utzing, Carrie Brookner, Anant Agrawal, and Costas
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3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name
☒ Other Declaration regarding ownership of patent

Execution Date: Assignment - 06/05/03, 05/22/03, 05/22/03,
05/29/03, 05/23/03, 10/06/03; Declaration - 10/14/03

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Board of Regents, The University of
Texas SystemStreet Address: 201 West 7th Street

City: Austin State: Texas Zip: 78701

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4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s):

B. Patent No.(s):

6,241,662

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning
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FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI, L.L.P.
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Michael C. Barrett

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Michael C. Barrett

Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest in Invention
(Multiple Inventors; single assignee)
Docket No. TUUT-014

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, WE the undersigned, do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, (the "Assignee"), having an address of 201 W. 7th St., Austin, Texas 78701, the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all inventions which are disclosed in United States Patent Number 6,241,662 (Application Serial No. 09/175,232, filed on October 20, 1998), which issued on June 5, 2001, and is entitled "Acetic Acid as a Signal Enhancing Contrast Agent in Fluorescence Spectroscopy", such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in all foreign countries on any of such inventions; and all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in all foreign countries on such inventions.

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all foreign patents granted on such inventions to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT its belief that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned:

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such inventions; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such inventions and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible to vest title to such inventions in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such inventions;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

(Signature)

Rebecca Richards-Kortum Date 6/5/03

Name:

Rebecca Richards-Kortum



BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 5 day of June, 2003, personally appeared Rebecca Richards-Kortum known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Michele Follen Date 5/22/03

Name:

Michele Follen

STATE OF TEXAS

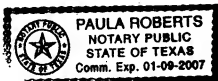
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 22nd day of May, 2003, personally appeared Michele Follen, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he she executed the same of his her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Paula Roberts
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Name:

Urs Utzinger

Date

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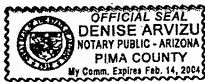
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 22nd day of May, 2003, personally appeared Arizona Cancer Center, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Denise Arvizu
Notary or Consular Officer

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Name:

Carrie Brookner

Date

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF _____

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this _____ day of _____, _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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(Multiple inventors; single assignee)
Docket No. TUUT-014

(Signature)

_____ Date _____

Name:

Urs Utzinger

STATE OF ARIZONA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this _____ day of _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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(Signature)

Carrie Brookner Date *5/29/03*

Name:

Carrie Brookner

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

) ss.

COUNTY OF *Somerset*)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this *29th* day of *May*, *2003*, personally appeared *Carrie Brookner*, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

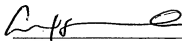
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(Multiple inventors; single assignee)
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Date 5/23/2003

Name:

Anant Agrawal

STATE OF GEORGIA)

COUNTY OF FULTON)

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 23RD day of MAY, 2003, personally appeared ANANT AGRAWAL, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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Date

Name:

Costas Pitris

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COUNTY OF _____)

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this _____ day of _____, _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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(Signature)

Costas Pitris
Costas Pitris

Date 10/6/2003

Name:

CYPRUS

COUNTY OF _____

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 10th day of June, 2003, personally appeared Costas Pitris, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of:

Richards-Kortum, *et al.*

Atty. Dkt. No.: UNI918/75009

U.S. Pat. No.: 6,241,662

Filed: October 20, 1998

For: ACETIC ACID AS A SIGNAL
ENHANCING CONTRAST AGENT IN
FRUORESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY

DECLARATION OF CULLEN M. GODFREY

I, CULLEN M. GODFREY, HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Vice Chancellor and General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of The University of Texas System ("UT System").

2. The inventors of the above-referenced U.S. Patent ("the '662 patent") were all employees of the University of Texas at Austin, a component institution of UT System at the time that the claimed invention was made. As a term of their employment, all of the inventors were contractually bound by the intellectual property policy of the UT System (see http://www.utsystem.edu/bor/rules/MasterRRR.htm#_Toc49851668).

3. It is the policy of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System ("the Board") that intellectual property either related to the individual's employment responsibility, or resulting from activities performed on UT System time, or from using UT System facilities is subject to ownership by the Board. This was the policy of the UT System at the time that the inventors developed the subject matter in the '662 patent. Therefore, because the patented invention was developed as a result of activities relating to the inventors' employment responsibilities, performed on UT System time and through the use of UT System facilities, the invention of the '662 patent was subject to ownership by the Board. By the terms of the

intellectual property policy, the Board effectively asserted its ownership interest in the '662 patent no later than October 20, 1998, the date when the patent application was filed.

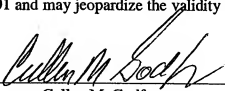
4. It is a further policy of the Board, again, to which the inventors were contractually bound by the terms of their employment agreement, that all employees assign the rights to intellectual property and patents to the Board when such creations are subject to ownership by the Board and the Board elects to assert its ownership interest. As stated in ¶3 above, the inventions of the '662 patent were subject to Board ownership, and the Board asserted ownership of these inventions. Dr. Neil Iscoe, Director, Office of Technology Licensing, The University of Texas at Austin, recently confirmed to me that the inventors of the '662 patent, instead of assigning ownership rights to the Board, mistakenly executed an assignment of their right, title and interest in the '662 patent to LifeSpex, Inc., a licensee of The University of Texas at Austin. Thus, when the inventors executed this incorrect assignment, they held no rights in the '662 patent that could be transferred to a third party, and they were not acting as the agent of Board, the rightful owner of the interest. Thus, under Texas law, the assignment to LifeSpex, Inc. should be held to be void.

5. LifeSpex, Inc. was not a subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for any valuable consideration. Thus, the mistaken assignment to LifeSpex, Inc., which is recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is not subject to 35 USC §261.

6. The conveyance of all interests in the '662 patent to the Board is reiterated in the assignment by the inventors that is submitted concurrently with this declaration.

7. All statements made in this Declaration of my own knowledge are true and all statements made in this Declaration on information and belief are believed to be true, and these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and may jeopardize the validity of this patent.

Date: October 14, 2003


Cullen M. Godfrey

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